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ment of 1881. The fund from the sale of this land had grown to be \$780,556.25 at the end of the fiscal year 1906. This fund must be kept intact and only its income apportioned for the benefit of the state institutions. One half of the interest, which now amounts to \$62,145, goes to the common school fund and the balance to state institutions pro rata on the basis of the cost of maintenance. This brings into the university fund \$16,542.92.

OWING to the contributions which have been made for the reendowment of Oxford University having reached a total of more than £100,000, the second munificent donation of £10,000 promised by Mr. W. W. Astor has now been received by Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the chairman of the fund.

THE report of the Cambridge University museums and lecture-rooms syndicate records a gift of £500, made by Mr. Frank Smart, for additional fittings in the museum of botany. The library in the department of physiology has been increased by many books formerly in the possession of Sir Michael Foster; the library of the medical school has also received many additions, including a large number of pamphlets and books presented by Sir T. Clifford Allbutt.

PREPARATIONS are being made to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the founding of the University of Madrid, which occurred October 18, 1508.

DR. DAVID FRANKLIN HOUSTON has resigned the presidency of the University of Texas, which he has held for the past three years, to accept the chancellorship of Washington University, St. Louis, vacant by the retirement of Dr. W. S. Chapin. Dr. Sidney E. Mezes, professor of philosophy at Texas since 1894 and for the past five years dean of the university faculty, was on July 6 elected president of the University of Texas by the board of regents.

MR. FRANK LEVERETT, geologist of the United States Geological Survey, has been appointed assistant professor of glacial geology at the University of Michigan. He will devote only a portion of his time to university work, retaining his position on the survey.

Mr. R. C. Allen, A.M. (University of Wisconsin), lately in charge of the Badger mines of the Cobalt District, has been appointed instructor in economic geology.

THE vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. L. J. Cole, at the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station, has been filled by the appointment of Philip B. Hadley, Ph.D., of Brown University, as chief of the division of biology. The following appointments at the station have been made: J. Swett Irish, B.Sc., of the University of Maine, assistant in biology, and A. L. Whiting, B.Sc., of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, assistant in agronomy.

THE trustees of the Thomas S. Clarkson Memorial School of Technology have appointed to the chair of chemistry Mr. L. Kimball Russell, S.B. (Mass. Inst.), A.M. (Columbia). To the newly established chair of physics the trustees have appointed Mr. E. B. Wheeler, B.S. (Missouri), candidate for the doctorate of philosophy, Columbia University.

DR. JOHN CAMERON has been appointed lecturer on anatomy in the Medical School of the Middlesex Hospital, London.

DR. WÜLFING, of Kiel, has been called to the chair of mineralogy and geology at Heidelberg, vacant by the retirement of Professor Rosenbusch.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

A CONTINUOUS CALORIMETER

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: In the issue of SCIENCE of May 15 appeared a special article by H. T. Barnes, of McGill University, entitled, "A Simple Continuous Calorimeter for Students' Use." Permit me to call the attention of your readers to the description of similar apparatus appearing in "Electricity and Magnetism," by Francis E. Nipher, published by John L. Boland Book and Stationery Co., St. Louis, 1895.

The experiment as therein described has been for fifteen years in the hands of students at Washington University.

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